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Pasco Detention Pretrial Services Unit to be disbanded, more deputies moved to front line to serve citizens

NEW PORT RICHEY -- Sheriff Bob White today announced the pending disbanding of the Detention Pretrial Services Unit in order to move more deputies to the front line to serve citizens. The four deputies in the unit will be reassigned to other units where a need for manpower is greater.

Reduced funding to the agency has caused Sheriff White to disband units and reassign deputies. He recently moved 34 law enforcement deputies to road patrol after eliminating some civilian positions and disbanding some units, including Aviation.

“This is the latest reorganization or operating change that I have made in the last 90 days to put more boots on the front line to serve citizens,” Sheriff White said.

The main function of the Pretrial Services Unit is the supervision of arrested individuals who are released from jail before their trial dates. Judges can still direct that such individuals be released from jail before going to court, but they will be in an unsupervised status.

This move will create three options for individuals arrested in Pasco County. Arrestees will now have to post bail, be released by a judge in an unsupervised ROR status, or remain in jail until their court date.

“Disbanding this unit will put more deputies on the front line to serve citizens where we need them most,” Sheriff White said. Some of the deputies from this unit will be moved to our Warrants Section, which receives anywhere from 400-500 warrants a week. It makes more sense to search for these people to arrest instead of supervising people waiting to go to court.”